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■ **RCMP urge caution**

Have fun while snowmobiling but take care

By Cst. Jenny McDonald
Elk Point RCMP Detachment

Well, hunting season is over and people have turned their attentions toward their snow machines for recreation. Considering the poor conditions that existed last year, and people's anxiousness to get into the fields this year, it is advised that you take a few minutes to refresh your memory of snowmobile safety and the laws that will be affecting you while you are out there.

If you are planning on riding within Elk Point it is essential that you wear an

approved safety helmet, travel under 25 km per hour, obey all the traffic regulations (ie. stop signs, crosswalks, etc.) and depart Elk Point by the shortest route. Also, off-highway vehicles are not to be operated within town between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. and care must be taken to ensure that residents are not unduly disturbed during permitted riding hours.

All snow machines that are operating off of private property must be properly registered and insured. Those that are not face the risk of being seized. As well, licence plates are to be located in a visible position on the front or the

rear of the machine.

The Off-Highway Vehicle Act prohibits snowmobilers from riding on any portion of a highway except when needing to cross. At such a time the driver should stop, have any passengers disembark, yield to all traffic and cross by the most direct and safest route. Drivers on public property should be 14 years of age. Those under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult who is providing instruction and acting as a close supervisor.

A point of courtesy to follow is to obtain permission to travel over private lands before you traverse them. Failure

to do so can result in a fine of as much as \$1000 for operating a snowmobile without due care and caution or without reasonable consideration for other persons or property. As well, many snowmobiling injuries occur as a result of driving over unfamiliar terrain — getting clearance from a landowner can provide you with heads-up information as to the location of cables, stumps, fences, and other unseen dangers.

One final but very important thing to remember is that your snow machine is considered a motor vehicle. This therefore means that impaired driving laws still apply to anyone operating a snow-

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Chamber salutes Businesses of the Year

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce saluted two Businesses of the Year at last Wednesday's regular meeting.

Bob Giguere, manager of Frosty's Kitchen, was on hand to accept the first-ever New Business of the Year award. The individual who nominated Frosty's Kitchen saluted the business for pressing on in a time of adversity for the local economy, and for good food, excellent service and adapting their hours to meet customer demand.

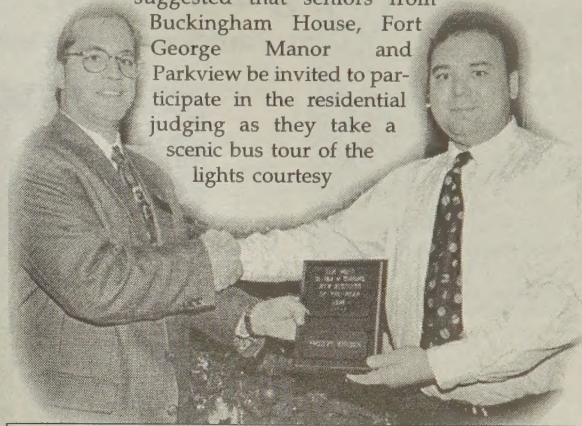
President John Yettaw presented the other Business of the Year award to office manager Diane Balash and editor Vicki Brooker of the Elk Point Review, who were seen to be "very helpful, cheerful and friendly" by their nominator.

Judging date for the Chamber's annual Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest has been tentatively set for Friday,



ELK POINT REVIEW representatives Diane Balash and Vicki Brooker accepted the Business of the Year award from John Yettaw of the Chamber. Photo by G. Pundick

December 18, with an all-new judging team. President Yettaw suggested that seniors from Buckingham House, Fort George Manor and Parkview be invited to participate in the residential judging as they take a scenic bus tour of the lights courtesy



NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR went to Frosty's Kitchen. Manager Bob Giguere (right) accepted the trophy from Chamber president John Yettaw.

of the Chamber, with a stop for refreshments later at the New Business of the Year. Businesses and institutions will also be judged, but at a different time, yet to be announced.

The Chamber is one of the local organizations which has been asked to provide a social evening for the residents at Parkview Extended Care. Members were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

The potential move of headquarters was not on the Northern Lights Library System agenda at their November meeting, Chamber was told. The next NLLS meeting is not until January 23, and the Chamber is considering making a presentation to the group at that time.

Everything's set for Extravaganza!

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is finishing up the final details for Friday's Christmas Extravaganza, the annual gala evening of late night shopping, contests and activities that turns downtown Elk Point into a bustling shopping mall for one magical night each year.

Santa will be making a visit to check out all the children's

holiday wishes, and will be located near the bonfire. Hay rides will once again be popular fun for the youngsters, Christmas music will get shoppers in the mood and everyone will want to stop by the Servus Credit Union lobby where the Scouts will be serving free hot chocolate and serving hot dogs at a nominal charge.

Entries in the coloring con-

test will be accepted at the Co-op until 11 p.m. that night. Entry forms are in the Extravaganza flyer, and are also available at Elk Point Elementary School, Kelly's Closet, Cal's Home Hardware and the Elk Point Review.

Twenty lucky shoppers — one for each of the participating businesses — will get up to \$30 of their purchases free, if

they happen to be in the right place at the right time. A "mystery shopper," who may just be one of Santa's elves, will be making the rounds to present one shopper in each business with a gift certificate to be used for their purchases at that business. This gives more shoppers an opportunity to win, than the Elk Point Bucks draws of previous years.

community NEWS

Practice the three "C"s when you're driving

Courtesy, caution and common sense should be used on the road

By Const. Cathy Bedard
County Mountie

With the popularity of cell phones, the RCMP is often faced with complaints of dangerous driving phoned in by other users of the road. To

address this issue the following are some tips you can try to remember when you are the victim of aggressive, angry or bad driving. How you drive is a reflection of your attitude. A good driving attitude is the result of constantly practising

the three C's: Courtesy, Caution and Common Sense.

Did you know ...

* Drivers who continuously cut you off, make unsafe lane changes, speed, follow too close and disobey traffic signs

and signals are displaying aggressive driving behavior?

* As a driver, you have to share the road to keep traffic moving safely. You must be predictable and do what other road users expect you to do?

* You must be courteous and you must be able to see dangerous situations before they happen and to respond quickly and effectively to prevent them?

* Being safe and responsible driver take a combination of knowledge, skill and attitude.

* Aggressive driving is often the result of drivers taking anger, resentment and frustration with them when they get behind the wheel. These attitudes are not conducive to safe driving.

* An aggressive state of mind shows in your driving behavior and affects your safety and the safety of others.

Give angry and aggressive drivers lots of space. Remember it "takes two to tango". One angry driver can't start a fight unless another is willing to join in.

* Don't take traffic problems or any road user's behavior personally.

* Don't make obscene gestures.

* Don't tailgate or follow too close.

* Use your horn sparingly (a polite honk can be misinterpreted).

* Avoid eye contact with an aggressive driver.

* Don't block the passing lane or turning lane.

* When you merge, make sure you have plenty of room and watch the people behind you.

* If someone cuts you off, slow down and give them room to merge into your lane.

* Allow at least a two-second space between your vehicle and the car ahead. Drivers may get nervous or angry when they are followed too close.

* If you feel the driver behind you is following you too closely, pull over when safe and allow the other driver to pass.

Keep your cool on the road

Follow these rules to stay safe and "cool" on the road:

Making a complaint

If you wish to pursue a complaint against another driver, here are a few things to keep in

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Give credit cards a Christmas present

Avoiding the "aftershock" of post-holiday bills

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Have you ever thought of giving your credit cards a Christmas Present? Maybe you have and maybe you haven't thought of it. Anyway, this is the time of year that our financial dollars have been stretched as well as our "promised financial dollars" — the credit card. After all, it is Christmas time and our hearts are into giving and buying things for our loved ones. And then ... comes the "after shock" in the month of January and February and ... and ... Yes, over spending can be a burden on the Family budget as well as putting the fami-

ly into "financial bondage".

What has happened to us? Many people are living on the very edge of their incomes. In fact, some are living on borrowings. Now I know in our area — with "downsizing" and loss of jobs for several people, the reality of what this means has become very visible. We have also witnessed the financial picture in the rest of the world. There have been wide and fearsome swings in the markets of the world. The economy is a fragile thing. A stumble in the economy in Jakarta or Moscow can immediately affect the entire world. It can eventually reach down to each of us as individuals. There is a portent of stormy weather ahead which we had better

give heed ... We all hope that we shall never slip into a depression like some of our parents or grandparents experienced with the "Great Depression" of the thirties.

What is happening today, as they say, "It is a red flag" on personal / family finances. The trouble is with our huge consumer installment debt which hangs over many people. For example, in December of 1997, 55 to 60 million households in the United States carried credit card balances. These balances averaged more than \$7,000 and cost \$1,000 per year in interest and fees. Consumer debt as a percentage of disposable income rose from 16.3 per cent in 1993 to 19.3 per cent in 1996. Today, it is higher ... We need to

do something about this problem now.

So, here is a "wild" suggestion. Explain to the family about your family "Christmas Budget". Then come up with a "family gift" suggestion — that is, one main gift for the family. And then begin to bring the family out of "financial bondage" by paying more than the "monthly minimum" on your credit cards. In other words, you will give your credit cards a Christmas Present. How about that!

Yes, I know — in order for this to work, the whole family will have to agree. In other words, our children will not be asking for — and only being "happy" with "the certain item". ... Here is another

"wild" suggestion. You could, as a family, set a goal of what you will do after your credit cards have been given their Christmas present and paying them down enough that you are out of "financial bondage". Set a date for reaching your goal and then celebrate as a whole family. Now that is a Merry Christmas idea.

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Deanna Easthope, who chaired the planning committee last year, said all available contributions from community groups were going toward such vital functions as the Santas Anonymous campaign, rather than entertainment, and last year's lack of volunteers was also a factor in deciding to give the festival a year off.

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LADIES OF THE ROYAL PURPLE -- Anne Buck (right) and Rose Pankow presided over the raffle table at the very popular OORP Crafts and More sale held in Elk Point November 21.



COUNTRY STYLE CRAFTS at the Crafts and More sale included churches, angels and wall hangings -- and this was only one table. The Elks Hall was packed with wonderful gift ideas for all ages, including everything from woollens to woodwork, and a great assortment of seasonal baking as well for shoppers to choose from.

The avoidable farm income crisis

By Leon Benoit
Member of Parliament

Farmers in this part of the country are in for a long, hard winter and things could get even tougher next year. Farmers are being squeezed between ever-increasing costs like taxes and user fees, and dropping prices for crops and livestock. Narrow profits turned into losses have been compounded by a record drought in this area.

This farm crisis also affects business enterprises in surrounding towns and cities. The next year or two will not be easy for them either.

If normal market trends or poor weather had caused the crisis, most farmers would simply accept it as a tough break. This farm crisis, however, developed because of abnormal external factors like unfair trade practices in Europe and the U.S. and unacceptable import restrictions into Asian countries, combined with an economic downturn.

Even worse, this whole disaster was completely preventable. In the past five years Canadian farmers have had their subsidies reduced to almost nothing. This was the right thing to do but rather than simply throwing farmers to the wolves, there were certain steps for which my colleagues and I fought, that should have been taken first.

In my very first speech in the House of Commons in 1994, I proposed that the

Liberal government establish a Trade Distortion Adjustment Program. This would have helped farmers through situations just like the current crisis.

Reform proposed to put aside part of the capitalized value of the Crow Benefit (the freight subsidy on grain moved by rail), into a fund which would compensate farmers for a loss in commodity prices due to other countries' unfair trade practices. Had the federal government taken this step there would by now be a \$3-4 billion fund from which farmers could be drawing to help them through the crisis.

I also pushed the government to make changes that would reduce farm input costs and reduce over-regulation to make it easier and less expensive to carry on business. We have consistently called for tax reductions that would reduce fuel, fertilizer and machinery costs. We also oppose the ever-increasing user fees that have taken their toll. These changes combined would have provided a buffer to help ease farmers through a situation not of their own making. Many farmers have done all of the right things to survive and thrive but, unfortunately this government hasn't done its part.

Farmers don't want hand-outs, they want fair treatment and fair trade. This government has left them with neither. The next round of GATT negotiations will begin in 1999 and the very future of Canadian agriculture will depend on tough negotiations

by the Canadian government and others. Quite simply their failure in the last round has led to Canada's farm crisis, but a tough stand may prevent this from happening again.

This will not help today, and the twin problems of ever-increasing farm-input prices and plummeting commodity prices must be addressed immediately.

Approximately half of the cost of farm inputs is made up of one type of tax or another. This applies to other businesses as well. Clearly part of the solution is to bring in broad-based tax cuts. This should include a reduction in the ever increasing, insidious user fees and unwanted and unhelpful regulations which cause added cost and inconvenience in carrying on business.

On the commodity price side, especially in crops, the removal of unfair trade practices and subsidies in other countries is an important part of the long-term solution. But what about the short term? Unfortunately no one can go back and change past decisions. What should have been done was not done.

We all anxiously await the government's response to this situation. In the meantime I continue to seek your thoughts and recommendations for solutions. Please phone my constituency office at 1-800-463-1194 or write Box 300, Mannville, AB., T0B 2W0.

House of Commons, Ottawa, ON., K1A 0A6; or Box 300, Mannville, AB., T0B 2W0.

■ Report from the Legislature

4-H Members succeed!

By Paul Langevin, MLA
Lac La Biche - St. Paul

In recognition of this year's National 4-H Week, which was held on November 2 through 8, 1998, Alberta's 4-H program deserves a look. The late W.J. Elliot, principal of the Olds School of Agriculture and founder of the 4-H clubs in Alberta, would have been proud. In the last 81 years, Alberta's 4-H program has gone from cows and cooking to the Internet and entrepreneurs. 4-H members are just as comfortable on the information highway as they are on the farm.

"4-H gives youth the edge to compete in today's world, and a recent study called Measures of Success proves what industry has been saying for years," says Carol Sullivan, provincial 4-H specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "This study showed that 4-H alumni are better educated, more often employed, much more often employed in the agriculture and food industry and report substantially higher incomes than the national average for Canadians. Our alumni also give back to their community, becoming more involved in community organizations."

Recently, thirteen 4-H members were selected

to promote Alberta Made food and beverage products across the province. These Alberta Made Ambassadors are part of a network promoting local industry, seeking growing markets for Alberta farm products, spurring community economic activity and creating jobs across Alberta.

"We chose to work with Alberta's 4-H program because we knew it attracted people who were passionate about agriculture and their community. We since learned how highly-skilled and well-trained 4-H'ers are in communication and leadership. They are also eager to learn more about the agriculture and food industry's capacity for value-added initiatives," says Ken Gibson, president of the Alberta Food Processors Association (AFPA).

Together with their volunteer leaders, 4-H'ers pursue the 4-H motto, Learn To Do By Doing, as they participate in exciting club activities and 4-H projects. Alberta's 4-H program has something for everyone, including projects in conservation, computers, livestock, veterinary science, photography, crafts, the entrepreneurial project, Business Cent\$ and much more. Wherever you live, on a farm or acreage, in a town or the city, Alberta's 4-H program is full of opportunities.

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After a tragedy: a hog farm gets back on track

New barn will soon be ready to house rejuvenated operation

Glenn and Verona Lea Flanders lost their 25,000 square foot hog barn complex in a devastating fire which took the lives of 2600 hogs on March 7 of this year. Last week they held an open house to show friends and neighbors the gigantic new building which will take its place.

Stretching 160 feet wide and 270 feet deep, the building is divided into areas for farrowing, housing dry sows and breeding. The farrowing area is made up of eight rooms each equipped with 28 farrowing crates. Each week, two rooms will be filled with sows giving birth, while just-weaned piglets and their mothers will

be moved out of two others, and their rooms cleaned thoroughly in readiness for the next week's incoming crop. The five and a half by seven and a half foot crates sit on slatted flooring manufactured in Gimli, Manitoba and have covered creep areas which are warmed by heat lamps the first two days and by heating pads after that time. Gas fired overhead heaters keep the rooms comfortable for the sows.

The 66 foot by 270 foot dry sow area consists of 16 pens, each housing 60 pigs. Sows coming into the area will be bred and then housed there until they are ready to farrow. Under-floor heating keeps the area cosy and 15 fans and five

air exchangers control the climate. Four of the pens accommodate incoming sows until they have been pregnancy tested, then they are moved down the line to a gestation pen.

Complete feed delivered by a St. Paul supplier is stored in two 30-ton bins and is delivered via a feed tube which drops feed into containers in each pen. Glenn Flanders says he is thinking of going computerized in the future, so each animal can eat whenever she wants but gets fed only the total amount per day dictated by a computer chip implanted in that animal. Shortly before farrowing, each sow's diet is increased in fiber content.

The barn will be completed

within the next few weeks, and the Flanders expect to have their first hybrid sows farrowing by early February.

■ The "B" files

The 7th gathering of the Parchment

By Denise Smereka
Librarian & Coordinator

On Saturday, November 28, 1998, F.G. Miller High School hosted their 7th Annual Craft Show and Scholastic Book Fair. This year, however, due to the new gym floor, the event was held in the new student area and library. It was a cozy change.

Special thanks to our exhibitors: Carol Hellquist and Sharon Kuhn / Donna Gulayec / Myrna Golden / Bev & Jenny Bepalko / Deb & Calvin Leckie / Bryce Sereda / Connie Landsiedel / Chris Looy / Pauline Lakusta / Sonya Yarmuch / Denise Smereka and Jana Boisvert.

This year's door prize winners were: Tanya Blacklock - Cow Door Stop donated by Donna Gulayec; Jana Boisvert - Button Craft Book donated by Denise Smereka; Brandi Yarmuch - Scholastic Sportsbag and 2 sports books donated by the R.E. Beattie Library.

Scholastic Book Fairs also sponsored a special draw for \$25 free books for a student and his or her teacher. The prize went to Erin Donaldson from grade 8 and her language arts teacher, Mrs. Pentek. Both received \$25 worth of free books.

Total sales from the book fair were \$1,221.06. The profit was taken entirely in books this year. The profit from the fair was

\$567.

There is also a great deal that goes on behind the scenes. The following is a list of those who helped out: Promotion - Mrs. Fedorus promoted the book fair at the elementary and allowed us to use some of her Scholastic stands - thanks! Setup: Jana Boisvert, Tessa Sakowsky, Jennifer Kadutski, Jackie and Christoph Ludlage, Garry and Donna Gulayec. Sale Day:

Donna Gulayec, Jana Boisvert, Tessa Sakowsky, Elaine Bjorkman. Takedown: Colin Bjorkman, Elaine Bjorkman, Tessa Sakowsky and Jana Boisvert. Hope I didn't miss anyone ... if I did THANKS!

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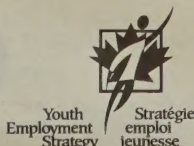
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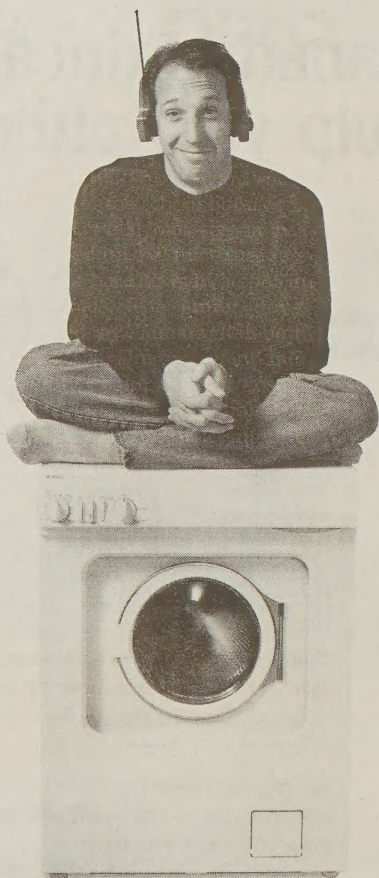
CHRISTMAS IN FULL BLOOM - Maryann Kozicky is surrounded by wall to wall Christmas at Meadowview Greenhouse north of Elk Point. Her gorgeous poinsettias range from ivory white to deepest red, with some of the most wanted shades of the season in between.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Craft sales and seasonal flowers make everything bright



STUDENT AREA TURNED SHOPPING MALL -- F. G. Miller's student common area was turned into a mini shopping mall on November 28 for the school's annual book and craft sale. Included in the lineup of seasonal merchandise were the gorgeous Santas



what's the rush

The electricity rush is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. That's when there's a potential for electrical demand to exceed Alberta's electricity supply. Help us to reduce the demand. Give power-guzzling appliances like dishwashers, dryers, irons, vacuums, block heaters and Christmas lights a rest. **Wait till after eight.**



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Local singer and songwriter to release CD

Home grown talent comes into full bloom

He's sung at Canada Day, he's been a winner at Talent Quest, this summer he placed third at Edmonton Northlands Youth Talent Explosion and now he's releasing a CD. But fans of local singer and songwriter Travis Pankiw aren't surprised. They knew he was destined for something big.

Travis, now 21, has been singing his original songs since junior high, and they just get better and better. Entitled "Get Out of Dodge," the CD contains an even dozen of his best, both country and alternative, of which nine are all his — words and music. On the other three, he wrote the music and collaborated on the lyrics. All

this is backed up with his customary acoustic rhythm guitar, some acoustic and electric lead guitar and rhythm and effects from a synthesizer.

An Engineering Design and Drafting grad of NAIT, Travis is now working for a piping design firm in Calgary and hopes to be working in the Maritimes next spring. He also

does considerable disk jockey work as Midnight Cowboy.

The CD will be launched Saturday, December 19 at a 9 p.m. party in the Elk Point Hotel, where he will perform the songs on the CD and more of his favorites. What a great opportunity for family, friends and fans to share his excitement at achieving this first step

to a recording career!

Tickets are available at various locations in Elk Point, including the Elk Point Review, and are needed to qualify for prize draws. The CDs and souvenir t-shirts will be available at the party, and Travis will be happy to autograph either item for a very special Christmas gift.

■ F. G. Miller High-lights

Christmas season is hurtling towards F. G. Miller students

By Leanne Wilson
Student Reporter

Hello from F.G. Miller High School. Well, the Christmas season is hurtling towards us. In the past week I've seen Christmas trees, poinsettias, and garland pop up all around the school. Soon, it'll be our Christmas Brunch and then holidays. But I'm getting a little ahead of myself.

Now for some more present day events. On Saturday, November 28, F.G. Miller hosted its annual Book and Craft Fair. Ms. Smereka, who organized the event, said that it was a little slow. Ms. Smereka thanks everyone who came and supported the fair. Mrs. Pentek and Erin Donaldson were the lucky winners of the door prizes each winning \$25 worth of books. The \$567.00 in profits will go toward new books for the school library.

Well, volleyball season has wrapped up. All the Crusaders worked hard to gain a spot in the finals. The junior boys, coached by Tamara Rainboth and Zack Duguid, went into County Championships hosted at Regional High School. The boys were confident entering the tournament as they were sitting in second place for the East division. They served their way into the semi-finals, only to be edged out by one of their key rivals, Racette.

Racette went on to win.

Junior girls won their way to County Championships at Ecole du Sommet. The girls, coached by Mr. Bilak, placed fourth in the East division. In the end, Racette girls took home the banner.

The senior girls, coached by Mrs. Wasylik, saw a lot of court time. They played weekly league games, attended tournaments and made their way to the SPAA Semi Finals. The team's year ended at zones in Vegreville, where they played their best of the season. The girls placed fifth overall in the league.

Finally, senior boys, coached by Mr. Kiss, finished in fifth place at the SPAA Championships. They played with determination all season which resulted in many exciting and close games. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to next year's volleyball season.

Since we're on the topic of sports I decided it would be a good time to mention our new scoreboard. Mr. Burke, negotiated a deal with Coke to sponsor us for a new scoreboard to replace our other, very old one. The scoreboard has some new and improved features. It is completely computerized, can be used for different sports, keeps the time of day, and is an LED. So if you would like to see it, come down to a Crusaders game and watch it

in action.

We welcome back Mrs. Gulayec, the school's secretary who had been on medical leave. We're glad to have you back.

Well, that's all for now from the halls of F.G. Miller. Until next week ...

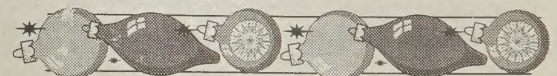
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

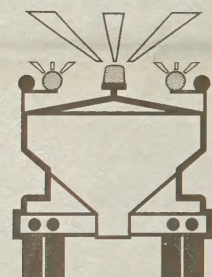
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district NEWS

RCMP say to have fun but take care

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mobile, and, with alcohol being the number one contributing factor to snowmobile related deaths, it is easy to appreciate why.

If you have any questions or concerns about snowmobile issues, are interested in taking snowmobile courses, or you just want to take part in activities related to riding in the area, the following contacts may be of use:

The Alberta Snowmobile Association
11759 Groat Road
Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6
Ph: (403)427-2695
Fax: (403)422-2663
Email: asa@altasnowmobile.ab.ca
Website: www.altasnowmobile.ab.ca

Elk Point Trail Riders Snowmobile Club
Contacts: Rodney Pacholek (President) 724-3793
Dale Rinas (ASA Representative) 724-3155
Membership Fees: Corporate Membership \$40
Family Membership \$50

* Look for their flyer at local snowmobile dealers advertising their upcoming general meeting and ski-doo raffle.

Elk Point RCMP
Ph: (403)724-3964
Fax: (403) 724-2123

SNOWMOBILING QUICK TIPS

- * Avoid alcohol or drugs before and during snowmobiling.
- * Stick to the trails and permitted snowmobiling areas.
- * Know your machine and keep it maintained.
- * Operate at safe speeds.
- * Use extra caution when riding at night.
- * Familiarize yourself with the terrain you will be travelling.
- * Avoid travelling over unknown bodies of water.
- * Check the weather before heading out.
- * Wear a properly fitting certified helmet.
- * Wear layered clothing and a reflective outer shell.
- * Use the buddy system.
- * Tell someone where you are going.
- * Carry a survival kit (tool kit, spark plugs, tow rope, flashlight and spare batteries, knife, first aid kit, blanket, high-energy food/drink, waterproof matches, spare clothing, compass, map and flares).

■ Heinsburg highlights

Update from busy Heinsburg

By Juanita R. Daniels
Heinsburg Student Reporter

It's been quite a month! November flew by and already it's December (which means Christmas holidays!). Quite a few things have happened since our last update, so sit down and I'll give you the information.

We've had an author visit with Mrs. Barbara Smith, who writes terrific books about ghosts. All the students delighted in her chilling tales of the unknown. We were also treated to a visit by cartoonist Craig George who doodled his way to fame with his comic strip "Rural Rootz." The students loved his hilarious drawings!

The students at the school also attended our first-ever Incentive field trip. We went to West Edmonton Mall, and had a blast! The roller coaster at Galaxyland was great, though after 3 times on it I'd had enough (I'm still dizzy a week later!). To the students who attended: WAY TO GO! Keep up the fabulous work.

With Christmas approaching so quickly, we've also kicked off the annual Christmas supper and concert. Everyone came to enjoy the great food and awesome music. A special thanks to all the staff who helped the Grad

'99 class with the dinner!

There is also the upcoming Elementary Christmas Concert. What person can honestly say they don't enjoy the nervousness of seeing their child performing, and being a hit! The Elementary students are

already practicing their vocal stylings.

Phew! A lot has happened, but even the hectic rushing has been fun (Parents remember: Christmas is coming soon, oh, what fun!). So until next week, be safe and have a lot of fun.



AND DON'T FORGET THE CRAFT SALE! Marie Zayac displays a gorgeous padded album that was part of a gym full of beautiful and useful gift items at Saturday's craft sale at Heinsburg Community School.

Practice the three "C"s when driving

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mind about your actual complaint.

* Attempt to get a licence plate number of the vehicle and a detailed description of the vehicle and driver (taking into account gender, clothing worn, color and length of hair) and number of occupants in vehicle.

* Direction you were travelling and direction accused was travelling.

* Approximate speed the accused was travelling and the exact speed you were travelling.

ling.

* The highway, range road, township road you were travelling on, with a good location where on that highway, range road, township road you were.

* Any traffic signs that were facing you and the accused (ie: accused was facing stop sign).

* The day and the time of the day when this incident occurred.

* Names and phone numbers (if available) of any witnesses to the incident

* Make notes of conversation between you and the accused (if any).

* Avoid any conflict or retaliatory behavior with the accused.

* Make notes on a scrap of paper as soon as the incident occurs to keep the details fresh in your mind so that when you are called upon by police to provide a statement you will have all the information at hand. Your matter may not go to court for months, and this will keep an accurate account of what happened (i.e.: this is how police officers are able to give evidence months and often years down the road). Do not write these notes while you are driving!

* Be prepared to go to court with your evidence, this often means taking an unpaid day off work. Another thing to consider is there is always the possibility that the accused will not appear on the court date or the court may be heavily booked and since Criminal Code matters are dealt with first, your matter may not even get heard that day and you may be compelled back to court another day.

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what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

The Library is all ready for Christmas

The trees are up and we have a mailbox for Santa letters!

By Karina Mitchell
Librarian

It sure is beginning to look a lot like Christmas — Christmas lights, decorated trees and crowded stores. Thankfully, I am now done my gift shopping. All I have left to do is wrapping, writing Christmas cards, and a lot of baking.

But the Library is all ready for Christmas. On Friday, we decorated the Story Time tree and Michelle Friesen helped put up another tree and spread a little garland and holiday cheer around the Library.

There is also a special mail box set up in the Library. The mail box will be sent to the North Pole for Santa so he can read all the letters from girls and boys in Elk Point. Please

have them in by December 12, so they will have lots of time to get to the North Pole.

New books at the Library ...

For Young Adults:

The Garden by Carol Matas is the compelling sequel to *After the War*. It brings to life the tumultuous events leading to the birth of the State of Israel.

Take a revealing tour of your brain and head in Dr. Pete Rowan's **Big Head!** Life-size illustrations, lift-off acetate pages, and "heads-on experiments".

Like school pictures, life doesn't always turn out. But

bad pictures are just the start of Amber Brown's problems. Who gets the pictures? **Forever Amber Brown** by Paula Danziger.

For Adults:

The Dictionary of Native American Mythology by Sam D. Gill is new to our Reference collection. It is designed to provide the reader rapid access to key themes and stories in Native American mythology — just an introduction to the enduring heritage of native North America.

The Farfarers challenges the conventional notion that the Vikings were the first Europeans to reach northern Canada, and presents a stirring

portrait of the Albans, a besieged race originating from the island now known as Britain. By Farley Mowat.

Picture Books:

What Use is a Moose? by Marin Waddell, Jack finds out what his pet moose is useful for. Wonderful pictures by Arthur Robins.

Clifford save the day again in **Clifford and the Big Parade** by Norman Bridwell as well as winning the pie eating contest, saving everyone from a swarm of bees and being the grand Marshal of the parade. A busy

day for a dog!

Library Calendar

Fridays, 10:30 am - Story Time, all are invited.

Friday, December 18, 10:30 am - Story Time Christmas Party.

Wednesday, January 6, evening - Friends of the Library have a bingo in St. Paul. Workers can sign up at the Library.

Don't forget about the Christmas Raffle at the Library.

Five flexible ways to enjoy healthier holidays

By Carol Moro
Review Contributor

The ability to adapt becomes vital during the holidays, when we experience many changes in routine. By being flexible, we "flow with the changes" instead of letting them throw us off track.

"Flexibility is vital when you're trying to lose weight or keep off unwanted pounds," said Carol Moro, a representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). "It's simply not true that weight gain is an inevitable side effect of the holiday season. If we learn to 'bend,' we can adapt, and even thrive, during the holidays."

Carol Moro suggested these five flexible ways to adapt during the holidays.

1. **Think ahead to parties and special meals.** Be sure to include your favorite treats in your menu plan. When you choose an item that's higher in calories or fats, compensate for it by making other appropriate choices throughout the day.

2. **Exercise a little more.** You'll give yourself some

"breathing room" in your daily meal / snack schedule.

3. **Consider all the alternatives.** Different choices might be right for you at different times. And remember, a polite "no, thank you" is always an option.

4. **Avoid black-or-white thinking.** If you ate more than you'd planned at a holiday gathering, that doesn't mean you've blown the whole week. Like a stream, you can flowwww around this obstacle and get back into the groove.

5. **Work around unexpected events.** If visitors arrive just before your daily walk, invite them along. If snow clogs the road when you'd planned to go jogging, go cross-country skiing instead.

TOPS members share tips like these throughout the year during their weekly chapter meetings. To find out more about TOPS, including the location of the chapter nearest you, call Carol Moro at 403-338-3023 or toll-free at 1-800-932-8677. Visit the TOPS Web site at <http://www.tops.org>

In Memoriam

UCHMAN, Stan

In loving memory of Stan Uchman, who passed away December 24, 1988.

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Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Old Courthouse, south door, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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Elk Point Public Library - Mon. - CLOSED; Tues. and Thurs. 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed. 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Storytime - Fri at 10:30 a.m. Photocopies, Extended library services and reliable information sources. Public meeting space available to non-profit organizations at no charge. Please call the Elk Point Library for booking at 724-3737.

The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

Elk Point Olettes regular meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036.

Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380, 724-3800 or 645-1950

Adoption Support Krew - meets the 2nd Mon. of every month at Social Services Bldg., St. Paul from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 724-3031.

Many Albertans gamble as a form of recreation. For a small minority, however, gambling becomes a problem. If you or someone you know is experiencing personal, social or financial problems as a result of their gambling, confidential help is available. Call 1-800-665-9676.

CHURCH SERVICES

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6 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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6 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE MANAGER required for established Case IH agricultural equipment dealer in central Alberta. Must be a team player with good organizing ability and marketing skills. Computer knowledge would be an asset. Company offers competitive wages with an established bonus system, excellent group benefit plan, and a self directed R.R.S.P. plan. Submit resume to: Box V, Stettler Independent, Box 310, Stettler, AB, T0C 2L0.

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review **SPORTS** this week

Bantam Provincials coming to town

Even better news than the Leafs win over the Habs!

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

HOT off the press: this week's top story. Yes,

the Leafs beat the Habs, Saturday night in OT, but there's some even better news. Saturday afternoon the president of Elk Point Minor Hockey received a phone call from Hockey Alberta in Red Deer. The big news, Elk Point would be the host site for the Bantam "C" Provincials, March 19, 20 and 21. This is good news for the town of Elk Point businesses that have felt the crunch after the oilpatch crashed last spring, and great news for Elk Point and Dewberry minor hockey. The Bantam Colts are a combined team with Dewberry, and there will be some details to hammer out, but what looked like a writeoff for a group of boys this year is now a dream come true, playing in and hosting the Provincial finals. Some of the other sites of interest, Midget "C" will be held in Provost, Pee wee "C" in Fairview, and Atom "C" in Mannville.

The Bantam Colts, who now know they have a lot of work to do to prepare for the big weekend in March, had two wins this past weekend, winning over Lashburn on Saturday night 6 to 1, then defeating Onion Lake on Sunday 6 to 3. This team has some big boys, four or five guys that are six feet or better, Kurt Bensmiller, Brian Poitras, Dallas Flamond, Curtis Croteau, Brandon Parenteau, one tough girl, Sheena

Flamond, and some little guys who are tough too: Adam Hansen who had a goal and an assist Saturday night, Shawn Slywka, Mark Hines and Trent Robertson.

The Midget Thunder travelled to Maidstone Thursday night for a game that turned into a shootout. Down early by three, coach Mark Woytkiw put veteran winger Jordan Bassett back on defence, and he went for an end to end rush early in the second, scoring to change the momentum of the game. The teams were tied after two periods, with two goals by tall, lanky Eric Wyness, and singles by Benny Matthews, Peter Danyluk and Darcy Stafford. Losing in the third, it was a good effort by the Thunder, who battled back.

Have you ever noticed that a team will play down to another team's potential? Friday night the Thunder hosted Glendon, a new team that hasn't won a game this season, and has only 10 skaters. Not one of the best efforts for Thunder, a chippy game that sent team captain Jordan Bassett to the showers early, but two points is two points just the same. Benny Matthews, a guy with speed and determination, scored a hat trick, and Simon Giesbrecht coming out of his scoring slump, also with a hat trick.

Sunday down in Dewberry, Thunder lost another close one to Maidstone, 5 to 4. Tough luck very late in the game for goalie Dusty Harvie, who was sharp all game and played the angles well. The puck changed directions after hitting Thunder defenceman Peter Danyluk in the skate, giving

Maidstone the winner. Thunder goals by offensive threat Darcy Stafford, Eric Wyness, his ninth of the season, Shaun Braithwaite, a kid with a howitzer of a shot, and Jordan Bassett.

This was maybe the best game of the season for the Thunder, who came out strong, played their positions well, especially in the shorthanded unit, forechecked, backchecked and picked up their men in their own end, and most of all, showed some great discipline, which is sometimes hard to do when another player is taunting you and wants to dance, and you want to dance too! Sometimes skating away is the toughest thing to do, but remember, the best place is to beat them on the scoreboard, That's what really hurts.

Now here's something tough, let's see how fast you can say this: Terrible Ted's tiny Tornadoes team travelled to Two Hills to triumphantly take the torch.

Translation: Without their head coach Gary Marцениuk, who had other commitments, assistant coach Ted Yarmuch and the Micro Novice Tornadoes, who really are nice little guys, played in Two Hills on Saturday morning, coming out on top. Scoring for the Tornadoes, a hat trick each for Bradley Yarmuch, Garret Osinchuk and Dylan Loughran. Two each for Kameron Ballas, Tanner Shankowski, Mike Marianchuk, Jordan Krankowski and another little buddy of mine, Harrison Maas.

The Atom Avalanche did an excellent job when they hosted the first tournament of the season, with teams coming from Lashburn, North Battleford, Glendon, Mannville and Cold Lake. Winning the "A" Final was a very big team from Mannville.

The Pee wee Girls Cyclones played in a close game when they travelled north to Athabasca on Saturday. Two goals each by Ashley



MANNVILLE ATOMS took home the trophy in the A Division of the six team Atom Avalanche tournament held this past-weekend in Elk Point.



LASHBURN placed second in the A side. Other winners were North Battleford, winning over Cold Lake in the B side, and Glendon, winning over Elk Point in the C final.

Hebblethwaite and Kristyn Ballas. Kyrie Loughran played great for her first time in goal.

Novice Hurricanes lost to St. Paul 6 to 2, a strong team that the Hurricanes had taken their worst beating, 12 to 0, a few weeks ago. The big difference in this game was stong defence and the "MacDominator," Ryan MacDonald, on the job in net. Down by 6 to 0 after two periods the Hurricanes actually won the third period with goals by Chevy Botting and Shayden Anderson.

Something must be wrong with Big Ray. Is he sick? He only booked one game for this past weekend. Saturday night the Pee wee Lightning tied

Dewberry 9 all. "It should have been a cakewalk," said Big Ray. "Let's just say we use the Hound Dog's top ten list of excuses."

And check this out. It sounds a bit like one of last year's pee wee provincial games against Bonnyville. But this is a true story and it happened in Thunder Bay, Ontario. A woman fan was very vocal at a hockey game. She was shouting at the referees and players and her behavior was becoming really rude. When a guy leaned toward the man next to him and said "Can you believe her? How obnoxious can you get?" The guy glared and replied, "That woman is my wife!"

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